

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2416 - HB 2561**

January 29, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires charter schools to administer state value-added testing for their students. Current law, T.C.A. 49-13-111(a)(2), provides that a public charter school shall meet the same performance standards and requirements adopted by the State Board of Education for public schools. T.C.A. 49-13-122 provides that a public charter school agreement may be revoked or denied renewal by the final chartering authority if such chartering authority determines that the school failed to meet or make adequate yearly progress toward achievement of the state's accountability system.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **MINIMAL**

Assumes the current law already requires that charter schools meet the same performance standards and requirements adopted by the State Board of Education, which would include value-added testing for students. Therefore this requirement is estimated to result in minimal cost to state and local governments.

The testing cost is approximately \$20 - \$25 per child, which is the same cost as those children attending regular public schools. The charter schools bear the responsibility for the administration and cost of value-added testing.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director